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The COWBOY CAVALIER
LEAPS INTO HIGH
VOLTAGE ACTION IN--

**"THUNDER OVER
TERROR BASIN!"**



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WHY HAD THUNDER BASIN GIVEN JIMMY WAKELY SUCH A HOSTILE RECEPTION? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LEADING OFFICIALS WHO HAD ONCE GOVERNED THE TOWN SO HONESTLY?

THERE AND OTHER URGENT QUESTIONS RAFFLED THE WESTERN STAR AS HE FOLLOWED THE BLUISH TRAIL OF A RUTHLESS GANG OF OUTLAWS RESPONSIBLE FOR...

TERROR at THUNDER BASIN!



WAKELY MUST BE LOON! HE'LL NEVER GET HERE ALIVE BEFORE WE BLOW UP THE DAM!

ARRIVING IN THUNDER BASIN, JIMMY WAKELY TRIES TO STABLE HIS HORSE...



NOTE! YOU CAN'T KEEP YOUR HORSE HERE, WAKELY! IT'S PLUMB FULL UP!

STRANGE!...THERE WAS A STING OF VACANT STALLS WHEN I LOOKED INSIDE!

A MOMENT LATER, AS JIMMY PROCEEDS THROUGH TOWN...



HA, HA! KEEP FIRM, BART!

THOSE CRITTERS ARE SHOOTING UP JOE CARTER'S POTTERY SHED! BECAUSE THEY COULD STAND SOME NOODLING IN PUBLIC BATHING!



JIMMY WAKELY





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AS THE WESTERN AGE RECONNOITERS THE VICINITY OF THE DAM...

DETONATOR CHARGES!
THE WHOLE DAM IS
SHED... I'VE
BEEN SPOTTED!

IT'S
WAKELY!

BANG!

DASHING INSIDE THE POWERHOUSE, JIMMY
KEETS HOME ANSLUERS...

THE SMOOCH!
DUDE TRAILED
UP!... YOW!

THUNDER BASH DAM
IS AN ARMED CAMP!
I'VE SURE STURBED
ONTO SOMETHING
HOT!

THE STRANGE BEHAVIOR OF
THE TOWNSPEOPLE MUST
HAVE SOMETHING TO DO
WITH ALL THIS!

HE GOT 'EM
TRAPPED! THERE'S
NO WAY OUT!

JIMMY BATTLES UNTIL HIS AMMUNITION
IS GONE...

THERE
GONE
HE
GUN!

DON'T SHOOT THE CENTER!
I'LL MAKE A PRIZE HOSTAGE
FOR YOU! TAKE HIM TO THE
CAMP!

SHORTLY, THE DOOMED FIGHTER IS MARCHED
TO A CLEARING BEFORE THE DAM...

HOSTAGES FROM
DOWN—SPRINKLED
UNDER THE VERY
SHADOW OF THE
DAM!

RIGHT! NOW MARCH
KEED AND HOFF YUN
DON'T RAKE UP WITH
A MILLION TONS OF
WATER POURING
DOWN ON YUH!

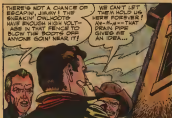
LATER, JIMMY SEES A COUPLE OF FAMILIAR
FACES...

JUDGE KEEN!
AND SHERIFF
BAMBS!

SO THEY CAUGHT YOU TOO,
JIMMY! IT'S TERRIBLE, TER-
RIBLE! IF THE TOWNSFOLK
DON'T DO EXACTLY WHAT
THESE MEN ASK, THEY'LL
BLOW UP THE DAM AND
DROWN US ALL!



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SHORTLY, AS THE OUTLAW CELEBRATE WITHIN THE POWERHOUSE...

RAISE YOUR HANDS, OUTLAWS! I BORROWED THIS GADGET FROM ONE OF YOUR GUARDS WHEN I PAYED HIM A SURPRISE VISIT!

WIKELY-- ALIVE!



AFTER THE HOSTAGES HAVE BEEN RELEASED, AND THE GANG JAILED...

THUNDER BARN WAS AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR AN OUTLAW HAVEN, FOLKS! OPERATING FROM THIS TOWN, THEY COULD ATTACK AT THE THREE ROBERT COUNTIES IN THE STATE! THAT'S THE REASON FOR THEIR FLOURING!

BUT THEY DIDN'T FIGURE ON YOU, MR. JIMMY!



I'M BLOWN THE DAM, WAKELY! UNLESS YOU WANT TO BE KISSON-SIBLE FOR THE LIVES OF THREE HOSTAGES, HAND OVER THAT GUN!

DON'T COUNT ON IT! WHEN I TAKED BEING HIT, AND FELL INTO THE WATER, I DISCONNECTED THESE UNDERWATER CHARGES! THAT DETONATOR IS AS HAZARDOUS AS A PEASIE WEEP!



THE NEXT DAY...

WE JUST HAD TO TREAT YUH ROUSH, JIMMY! IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO PROTECT THE PRISONERS!

I UNDERSTAND! WELL... IT'LL BE QUITE A SPELL BEFORE ANYONE TROUBLES YOU AGAIN! SO LONG, FISHBOW!



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WHAT IS ROUND ON BOTH ENDS AND HIGH IN THE MIDDLE?



GYE UP? SEE BELOW!

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A GAINST ONE NEWSPAPER OFFICE AFTER ANOTHER, THEY ROVE... THREE MEN WITH ROBBERY ON THE B. HANDS AND FLASHING GUNS IN THREE HANDS! AND WHAT WAS THE PRIZE THEY SOUGHT? MONEY? JEWELS? REVENGE? NONE OF THESE! THEY WERE AFTER A SINGLE FATAL LETTER! DRAWN INTO THIS BAFFLING PUZZLE, JIMMY WAKELY, HOLLYWOOD'S CONVOY CATALYST, PUTS ALL HIS BRAINS AND STRENGTH AGAINST...

The SIGN OF THE BLACK A!

AS JIMMY WAKELY NEARS COPPER CITY...

JEB WALTERS IS EDITOR OF THE COPPER CITY TIMES! (I'LL SURE BE GOOD TO SEE HIM AGAIN! LET'S RIDE, BONNY!)



LATER, IN JEB'S CLUTTERED NEWSPAPER OFFICE...

LAST TIME I SAW YOU, JEB, YOU'D JUST EXPOSED THE BLACKWELL GANG. ANY MORE EXCITING LIKE THAT LATELY?

NO, JIMMY, IT'S BEEN PRETTY QUIET... EXCEPT FOR...





JIMMY WAKELY



THREE NEWSPAPER OFFICES IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD HAVE BEEN ROBBED OF THEIR LETTER "A's!" NOBODY CAN FIGURE OUT WHY!

AWH... WHY SHOULD A PRINTING PRESS LETTER "A" BE MORE VALUABLE THAN MONEY?

CONTINUING ON HIS WAY, THE PUZZLED WESTERN STAR IS SOON IN ANOTHER TOWN WHERE...

WHOA, BONNY! SOUNDS LIKE ANOTHER NEWSPAPER ROBBERY.

BAM! BAM!



OHON! LET'S GET GOIN'!

THE SAME OWLHOOTS WHO LOOTED JESSE'S OFFICE!

NOW I'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO FIND OUT WHAT THE MYSTERY'S ABOUT!

IT'S WAKELY! GET TO THE HORSESHOE QUICK! I'LL STOP 'EM!



BAM!

BUT THE WESTERN ACE ACTS TOO FAST WITH HIS LASSO AND GUN AND...

HEEDLESS OF HIS CAPTURED COMPANION'S PLAINS, THE GUNMAN LEAPS ONTO HIS HORSE...

LATER, IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE...

OWH! MY GUN!

HE'S GOT ME! BIG MACE -- HELP!

THE BATTLE! LEAVIN' ME!

HE'S THINKING OF HIS OWN GON! AND YOU'D BETTER DO THE SAME!

ALL I KNOW IS WHAT HIS MACE TOLD ME! HE WAS A HOSPITAL ATTENDANT IN PHOENIX TOWN WHEN AN OLD CRITTER, BEN LUTHER, WAS BROUGHT IN...





THE LETTER "A" / THE LETTER "A" / THE GOLD AND I MUST SEND LETTER TO WILL!



AFTER MORE QUESTIONING ... CAN YOU MAKE ANY SENSE OUT OF IT, JIMMY?

NOT YET... BUT WE'VE LEARNED THE OLD MAN'S NAME WAS BEN LETHAM, AND HE CAME FROM LAGO, THERE HIS DAUGHTER STILL LIVES. SHERIFF, I'M GOING TO WAIT THAT YOUNG LADY!

SOON AFTERWARDS, AT THE HOME OF ANN LETHAM IN LAGO ...

SOME MEN ARE BORN WANDERERS, AND DADDY WAS TOO, I GUESS. EVEN YEARS AGO, WHEN HE AND WILL HUSBARD STARTED PROSPECTING FOR GOLD TOGETHER...

WELL, THE NAME BEN MENTIONED IN THE HOSPITAL!



"DADDY FINALLY DECIDED THEIR NAME WAS A DUD AND DECIDED TO START MOVING AGAIN, BUT HE HAD TO STAY ON AND MONITOR THE CLAIM ..."

SUPPOSE I STRIKE GOLD, BEN? NOW WILL I LET YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

GOSH, WILL, I DUNNO! I NEVER KNOW WHERE I'M GONNA WANDER NEXT, AND I CAN'T READ OR WRITE! BUT I'LL BE BOUND TO HEAR ABOUT IT IF YOU MAKE A STRIKE, AND I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU! WAIT, I KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO!



I EVEN CARRY THIS CRACKED OLD LETTER "A" AROUND WITH ME FOR A GOOD LUCK PIECE, EVER SINCE I WORKED AS A DELIVERY BOY FOR A NEWSPAPER OFFICE! IF YOU STRIKE IT RICH, AND I CAN'T COME BACK MYSELF, I'LL SEND YOU THIS HERE LETTER! YOU GIVE MY SHARE TO THE ONE I SEND!

OKAY! THERE CAN'T BE A SECOND LETTER LIKE IT!



LAST YEAR, DADDY STARTED WANDERING AGAIN, DOING ODD JOBS IN NEWSPAPER OFFICES! A FEW WEEKS AGO, HE CALLED ME AND SAID HE WOULD HAVE A WONDERFUL SURPRISE FOR ME WHEN HE CAME HOME!

WILL HUSBARD JUST HAVE OFFERED GOLD AFTER ALL! AND YOUR DAD HEARD ABOUT IT! BUT HE—FORE HE COULD SEE WILL HE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL AND PASSED ON! THAT'S WHEN BIG RICK HEARD ABOUT YOUR FATHER'S PLAN!



JIMMY WAKELY





BUT JIMMY
SHRUGS OFF
THE STAGGER-
ING BLOW AND...

WHAK!



LATER, AS THE OVERWHELMED GUNMEN ARE
LED AWAY BY THE SHERIFF...

I WONDER
IF WE'LL EVER FIND OUT WHAT BECAME OF
THAT LETTER "A"?

I WAS GOING TO TELL
YOU JUST AS THOSE
MEN BROKE IN!



DADDY MADE IT INTO A
LOCKET FOR ME
YEARS AGO!



I'LL CONTACT BILL HUBBARD
FOR YOU, KING ARN. AND
SEE THAT YOU GET YOUR
RIGHTFUL INHERITANCE!

THANKS, JIMMY!
I'LL NEVER
FORGET WHAT
YOU'VE DONE
FOR ME!



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CLEAN GLEAMS IT WITH A
SUNLIGHT SHEEN!

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FRIENDS, HERE'S
ADVICE FOR YOU:
TRY WILDRÖT
LIQUID CREAM
SHAMPOO.





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WHEN JIMMY WAKELY VOLUNTEERED TO ORGANIZE THE TOWNFOLK OF CEDAR BEND AGAINST A BROKEN BAND OF RAZZLING OWLHOOTS -- THE PEOPLE TOOK COURAGE. BUT THE MOMENT THE NEIGHRS AFT SET FOOT OFF THE TRAIL, THE PEOPLE SANK IN AMAZEMENT AND SHOOK THEIR HEADS IN DOUBT. FOR THEY HAD NEVER SEEN THEIR COWBOY BOB IN THE STARTLING ROLE OF...

**JIMMY WAKELY--
DUDE COWBOY!**



LOOKIT WAKELY!
HE CAN'T EVEN
FIRE A SHOOTIN'
IRON PROPER!

WE NEED A PACK
OF FOOLS AGAIN!
HIM TO HELP US!

THE HOTEL IN CEDAR BEND IS THE SCENE OF
FLYING LEAD AS...

THEY'RE STRUCK
AGAIN! GET YOUR
SHOOTIN' IRONS!



WITHIN MINUTES, AN ANGRY FORTH REACHED
THE LIVERY STABLE TO FIND...

LOOK! WE'VE GOT
OUR SADDLES FILLED
IN HIS WORK ROOM
'STEAD OF ON
OUR HORSES!

B-BUT I
WAS JUST POLISHING
'EM UP SO'S YOU'D
LOOK RIGHT SMART
FOR JIMMY WAKELY'S
ARRIVAL TOMORROW!





JIMMY WAKELY



LATER, AFTER THE MEN HAVE UNTANGLED THEIR SADDLES AND GIVEN FRUITLESSLY CHASE...

SLIPPED CLEAN AS HOOT ONLY INTO THE HILLS! AN IT'S TOO DARK TO FOLLOW THEIR TRACKS TONIGHT, SW, SHERIFF?

YEP! BUT TOMORROW THE ROUGHEST, TOUGHEST ON-HOOT SHAMMERE IN THE WEST WILL BE WITH US! JIMMY WAKELY WILL SHOW US HOW TO GET ORGANIZED AND BAG THOSE CRITTERS!



NEXT MORNING, EXCITED TOWNSFOLK GATHER AT THE TRAIN STATION TO WELCOME JIMMY WAKELY, AMERICA'S COWBOY STAR...

HERE HE COMES NOW... WELL, DUST MY BOOTS! WHAT'S THAT KID GOT WITH HIM?

LOOKS SORTA LIKE ONE OF THEM FANCY STOODERS YUH SEE IN THE MOVIES!



EIGHTY-NINE AGENTS YOU, SHERIFF SQUARED! ONCE THE FOUNT COMFORTABLE QUARTERS WE'LL GET RIGHT TO WORK ON THOSE BAD MEN!

SO, PINE, JIMMY! THEY'RE TOUGH SCARERS! EVEN HAD TO BUILD A BIGGER, STRONGER BANK TO SAFEGUARD OUR MONEY!



ASTONISHED CITIZENS CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THEIR EYES AS THE CRACK COWBOY AGE "BOOTS" AND HORNS...

TARNATION! WE'VE GOT OURSELVES A REAL LIVE HOLLYWOOD DUDE FOR OUR LEADER!

NEVER SEEN SUCH COWBOY KINE WITH A CRITTER! JUST CAN'T BELIEVE JIMMY WAKELY PUTTING ON AIRS LIKE THAT!



SHORTLY, AT THE HOTEL...

IT'D LIKE LUNCH SERVED TO ME IN YOUR VERY BEST ROOM! POACHED EGGS, BUFFING... JELLY, AND A POT OF TEA-- NOT TOO STRONG!

WELL, SINCE MY HONORS I HOPING SOMMA TAKE FIGHTIN' ORDERS FROM THAT FANCY PANTS!

RECKON NOT!



FOR THREE DAYS JIMMY'S ACTIONS DISCOURAGE TOWN PLANS TO COMBAT THE RANGERS-- THEN, ONE SHUTDOWN...

A DYNAMITE BLAST AT THE BANK-- THE ON-HOOTS HAVE STARTED HOOTING!





LATER, IN THE COWBOY STAR'S HOTEL ROOM...



BUT WE SURE FEEL A BIG FAT ZERO TODAY, JIMMY-- EVEN IF THOSE CROOKS DIDN'T BREAK INTO THE VAULT!

THAT'S WHAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, BILL! WHY DON'T THEY? THE CHANCE THEY USED NEARLY TOSE THE ROOF OFF THE BANK! GEE! MAYBE THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE HANGERING FOR!



SOMEWHAT LATER, IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE...



UPON JIMMY'S REQUEST, SHERIFF BRANDER INVESTIGATES CROOK SEND'S OLD BANK...



THEN, WHEN THE VAULT DOOR IS SWUNG OPEN...





JIMMY WAKELY



QUICKLY, THE ALERT CONBOY ACE FORMULATES A PLAN OF ACTION ...



BRIEFLY, JIMMY WEAVING HIS WAY THROUGH THE UNDERGROUND PASSAGE ...

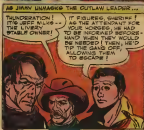


SHORTLY LATER ... IN THE LIVERY STABLE ...



BUT AS THE OUTLAW DRAW ON THE WESTERN STAR, HE SHOOT WITH THE SPEED OF THE WIND AND...





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